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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring Bhubaneshwar, Guwahati, Jodhpur, Khajuraho and some other airports at par with the standards of international airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of new international airports proposed to be constructed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) Guwahati airport is already declared as an International airport. Bhubaneshwar airport has customs and immigration facilities to handle limited international flights. Airports at Jodhpur and Khajuraho have not been declared as International airports. Upgrading the status of an airport to International airport, inter-alia depends on traffic requirements, commercial viability, operation of international flights and availability of resources.

(c) Government of India has already accorded in principle approval for construction of new airports of International standards at Devanhalli near Bangalore, Shamshabad near Hyderabad and Mopa near Panaji (Goa).